Docket No. 217916US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomoyuki KAYAMA, et al.

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FOR:

**MOLTEN-SALT TYPE CATALYST** 

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# AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A molten-salt catalyst for purifying particulate materials, which are contained in an exhaust gas emitted from an internal combustion engine and contain carbon, and said catalyst comprising:

a solid support; and

a catalytic ingredient loaded on the solid support including at least one member selected from the group consisting of silver nitrate, alkali metal nitrate, alkaline-earth metal nitrate and rare-earth nitrate.